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SUBJECT: SPANISH REQUEST FOR US SUPPORT ON CANARIES ISSUE;
RESULTS OF OREJA-BOUTEFLIKA CONVERSATION AT UN

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1. CHARGE CALLED ON UNDER SECRETARY OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS MIGUEL SOLANO ON JUNE 12 TO INFORM HIM OF RESULTS
THUS FAR OF US REPRESENTATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE SPANISH
POSITION ON THE CANARIES ISSUE AND TO OBTAIN A READOUT ON
THE TWO AND ONE-HALF HOUR CONVERSATION THAT TOOK PLACE
BETWEEN SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA AND ALGERIAN FOREIGN
MINISTER BOUTEFLIKA AT THE UN. FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS:
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2. SOLANO SAID GOS WAS VERY GRATEFUL FOR OUR EFFORTS ON
THE SPANISH BEHALF AND THAT SPAIN'S READING OF THE POSI-
TIONS OF KENYA, NIGERIA, SIERRA LEONE, GABON AND MOROCCO
CONFORMED TO THE CURRENT REACTIONS THAT WE HAD GOTTEN WITH
ONE MINOR NUANCE. THE NUANCE WAS THAT THEY HAD THE IMPRES-
SION THAT PERHAPS THE KENYAN POSITION WAS A BIT MORE POSI-

TIVE THAN REPRESENTED TO US.

3. WITH REGARD TO THE OREJA-BOUDEFELIKA CONVERSATION, WHICH FOLLOWED A 50-MINUTE CONVERSATION THAT SOLANO HIMSELF HAD SOME DAYS EARLIER HAD WITH BOUDEFELIKA AT THE MADRID AIRPORT, SOLANO SAID THE MAJOR POSITIVE THING ABOUT BOTH OF THESE CONVERSATIONS WAS SIMPLY THAT THEY OCCURRED AND THAT THERE WAS MUTUAL EXPRESSION IN BOTH CASES OF THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN SPAIN AND ALGERIA. HOWEVER, THE FACT WAS THAT THE CONVERSATIONS NEVER CAME DOWN FROM BROAD GENERALITIES TO SPECIFICS AND THEREFORE SPAIN COULD NOT TELL WHETHER ANY REAL PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE AS A RESULT OF THEM.

4. SOLANO SAID BOUDEFELIKA SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF TIME IN HIS TALK WITH OREJA ON "THE IMPERIALIST ACTIONS" OF FRANCE, AND ALSO BELGIUM AND THE UNITED STATES, IN AFRICA AND ON HIS SUSPICIONS OF A PARIS-MADRID-RABAT AXIS. WITH REGARD TO THE UNITED STATES AND BELGIUM, THE SHABA EXERCISE WAS GIVEN AS AN EXAMPLE.

5. SOLANO SAID BOUDEFELIKA ANGLED FOR A SUAREZ-BOUMEDIENNE MEETING BUT SPAIN WAS RELUCTANT TO HAVE SUCH A MEETING WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT MIGHT COME OUT OF IT. SOLANO SAID SPAIN'S PROBLEM WAS THAT IT KNOWS VERY CLEARLY WHAT IT WANTS FROM ALGERIA BUT ALGERIA HAS NOT GIVEN IT ANY CLEAR

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INDICATION OF WHAT IT MIGHT ACCEPT FROM SPAIN IN RETURN, AND IN ANY EVENT SPAIN IS DOUBTFUL THAT IT WOULD BE IN ANY POSITION TO RESPOND IN THE WAY ALGERIA WOULD LIKE IT TO. THE ONLY OTHER CONTACTS GOING ON NOW BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES, ACCORDING TO SOLANO, ARE AT A LOW LEVEL BETWEEN EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS. HOWEVER, SPAIN PLANS TO MAKE ANOTHER EFFORT AT EXPLORATION BY SENDING AMBASSADOR MANUECO BACK TO ALGERIA SOON TO SAY HIS GOOD-BYES BEFORE FINAL DEPARTURE. DURING THIS PROCESS, SPAIN WOULD HOPE THAT HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO PICK UP SOMETHING MORE ON ALGERIA'S POSITION. EATON

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